

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/994,088)	
)	
Filed: November 14, 2001)	<u>Confirmation No. 8571</u>
)	
Applicants: Jeffrey L. TRUDEAU et al.)	
)	
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
CLAMPING SURGICAL WIRES)	
OR CABLES)	
)	
Art Unit: 3733)	
)	
Examiner: Pedro PHILOGENE)	
)	
)	
Attorney Docket: 7115/90638)	
)	
Customer No.: 22242)	

This Response was electronically filed on
November 26, 2007 using the USPTO's
EFS-Web.

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including November 26, 2007, to make this reply timely.

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 25, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.